


Date: December 17, 1976

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency

From: Clarence M. Kelley, Director

Subject: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF FORMER CHILEAN
AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, ORLANDO LETELIER,
ET AL., WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 21, 1976;
PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS - MURDER

Reference is made to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reports dated October 8, 1976, and November 15, 1976, copies of which were previously furnished to you.

Enclosed for your information is one copy of a memorandum which sets forth information pertaining to captioned investigation.

The FBI is aware of the discussions that are currently being held between the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Department of Justice which will hopefully establish the scope of your Agency's authority in assisting this Bureau with certain foreign aspects of this investigation. It is expected that once your role has been defined, direct liaison between Agents of our Washington Field Office and your Headquarters will be established to facilitate prompt and effective coordination in the investigation of this most sensitive and important matter.

The purpose of this communication is to inform you of current developments in this matter, to show you the direction our investigation is taking at this time and to indicate to you what we are interested in knowing and the type of information we would hope you could furnish us in the future.

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As you are aware, allegations have been received that Guillermo and Ignacio Novo Sampol and Jose Dionisio Suarez Esquivel may have been involved in Letelier's death. In this regard, it would be helpful if we knew whether they, individually or collectively, have ever been in Chile or other South American countries, and if so, with whom they met and why; what their relationship is with Orlando Bosch Avila; EO25x1

Concerning Orlando Bosch, all information available to you that would establish a relationship between Bosch or his anti-Castro group with Letelier's death is needed.

An individual identified as Raul Baden may have also been involved in this matter. Reportedly, Baden is an Agent of the Chilean National Directorate for Intelligence (DINA) and immediately prior to Letelier's death, traveled with another DINA official to Vancouver, British Columbia, with the intention of renting a car and driving immediately to Washington, D. C. We are, of course, attempting to corroborate this information; however, it is vital that we know if there is, in fact, a DINA Agent by this name, whether or not he has ever been in the United States and any information in your possession bearing on his activities in the past as they relate to DINA-directed assassinations or other acts of violence.

A source of this Bureau has advised that Guillermo Novo was recently in the company of an unknown Chilean male of German ancestry whom Novo characterized as one who was "trusted" and who had been "used in the past." This source has provided us with information from which a composite sketch of the unknown Chilean has been prepared. We also possess a composite sketch of a Latin male who threatened the fiancée of a New York FBI Agent who has conducted investigation in this matter. The threat concerned violence to her if the Agent did not cease his investigation of this matter. Copies of these composites are enclosed for dissemination to anyone within, or available to, your Agency who might be able to identify them. The sketches may be reproduced by you as necessary.

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The enclosed memorandum sets forth information provided by a highly sensitive source of this Bureau. In regard to the information provided by this source, it is essential that we have all information available to your Agency concerning the individuals mentioned,

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We would also appreciate having CIA's comments on such things as the possibility that a family member of Letelier's former mistress, Sagrario Perez Soto is responsible for Letelier's death, motivated by a desire for revenge in connection with the termination of that relationship. Also an analysis, based on information which may be available to you, of the likelihood of the Government of Chile's involvement in his death, would be of assistance.

All information in your possession concerning DINA, its operations in the United States and elsewhere would be appreciated. Also, the identities of known or suspected DINA Agents in the United States and your comments concerning the possibility that DINA, acting on its own, without the knowledge or consent of the Chilean Government, is responsible for Letelier's death, would also be appreciated.

Please furnish any information in your possession that would indicate political factions opposed to the incumbent Chilean Military Junta, composed of Chilean exiles throughout the world, specifically Paris, Rome, Mexico and Venezuela, may have viewed Letelier's emergence as a leader of Chilean exiles against the Chilean Military Junta as a threat to their leadership.

The above questions are obviously not all-inclusive. As stated above, they are being presented as an indication of the type of information we feel is essential to assist us in this investigation. It is requested that all information relating to captioned in your possession, no matter how remote the connection, be furnished to the FBI.

The FBI is available at any time to orally brief you or your designated representatives for the purpose of answering any and all questions you may have which would facilitate your investigation in this matter.

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It is noted that the names of numerous individuals who may be involved in Letelier's death have been furnished to you with the request that you furnish all information in your possession regarding those individuals. It would be appreciated if you would expeditiously respond to these requests.

A copy of this communication is being provided to Mr. Robert L. Keuch, of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch

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